

### Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

(Currently amended): 1. A decorative table covering comprising:

a fabric cover generally corresponding to the shape of a selected shape of table top ~~[[and]]~~ but smaller such that, when placed on ~~[[the]]~~ such a table top, ~~exposing it will expose~~ parts of the table top, or any covering thereon, beyond the peripheral edges of the fabric cover,

loop extensions on the fabric cover periodically extending from the periphery of the fabric cover to the edge of the table top and providing loops for ties to be spaced from the periphery of the fabric cover, and

at least one decorative tie to be fed through the loops and around the table top in a decorative way and so that adjacent ends of ties may be connected together in a decorative way between adjacent loop extensions.

(Currently amended): 2. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the fabric cover which is placed in the middle of a table top of such shape and size does not extend to the edge of the table top except to the extent portions providing loop extensions so extend.

(Currently amended): 3. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which at least part of the fabric cover is perforated in a decorative design to expose the table top or cover thereon beneath the fabric cover.

(Original): 4. The decorative table covering of claim 3 in which at least one perforated area of the fabric cover has the perforation covered with another contrasting fabric.

(Currently amended): 5. The decorative table covering of claim 4 in which the contrasting fabric has openings which enables the table top or covering beneath the decorative covering to be seen.

(Original): 6. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which at least part of the fabric

cover is non-woven.

(Currently amended): 7. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the adjacent ends of decorative ties ~~extending~~ designed to extend through the loops on the loop extensions are pulled together and the ends of the decorative ties tied to each other in a decorative manner.

(Currently amended): 8. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the adjacent ends of decorative ties extending through the loops are designed to be connected to each other by some other decorative fastening member than the ties themselves.

(Original): 9. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the ties are made of material different from the fabric cover.

(Original): 10. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the ties are a different color from the fabric cover.

(Original): 11. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the loop extensions are separate pieces from the fabric cover and attached to the fabric cover.

(Currently amended): 12. The decorative table covering of claim 11 in which ~~the tie~~ each loop is formed by folding back the loop extension on itself, connecting one end of each extension near the other end, and connecting the loop extension as a whole to the fabric cover.

(Currently amended): 13. The decorative table covering of claim 12 in which the folding back of the end of the loop on the top is only part way to the periphery of the fabric cover to which the other end is attached and the two ends of the extension are decoratively connected together in that position.

(Currently amended): 14. The decorative table covering of claim 11 in which the ~~[[tie]]~~

loop is formed by rolling one end of the extension into a loop and connecting the contacting ~~part of the extension~~ parts of the loop together and the opposite end of the extension to the fabric cover.

(Currently amended): 15. The decorative table covering of claim 11 in which the loop is formed in at least one loop extension by connecting one end of the extension to the fabric cover and the other end of the extension together to the connected end near the fabric cover by a decorative connector with a decorative side of the connector visible.

(Currently amended): 16. The decorative table covering of claim 1 ~~[[and]]~~ in which at least one loop extension has at least one decorative cut out through its fabric.

(Original): 17. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the loop extensions are an integral part of the fabric of the fabric cover.

(Original): 18. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the loop extensions are individually decorated.

(Currently amended): 19. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the fabric cover ~~correspond~~ corresponds in shape to ~~[[the]]~~ a table top shape on which it is intended to be used but is smaller in size than such a table top.

(Currently amended): 20. The decorative table covering of claim 19 in which ~~[[the]]~~ a table top on which the covering is intended to be used is circular and the fabric cover is circular but of smaller diameter.

(Currently amended): 21. The decorative table covering of claim 19 in which the shape of a table top on which the decorative covering is to be used is generally rectangular and the fabric cover is generally rectangular but smaller.

(Currently amended): 22. The decorative table covering of claim 19 in which the table top

shape is generally square and the fabric cover is generally square but smaller.

(Currently amended): 23. The decorative table covering of claim 1 in which the loop extensions will extend to and beyond the edge of ~~[[the]]~~ such a table top size so that the ties when installed through the loop extensions will lie outside and fall below the table top so as to tend to hold the decorative table covering in place on the table.

(Currently amended): 24. The decorative table covering of claim 23 in which the loop extensions are designed to extend below ~~[[the]]~~ such a table top sufficiently far that the ties when installed may be pulled sufficiently tight to pull at least some part of the ties under the table top.